

Why Should Cows Be Tested?

The question may well be asked why cows should be tested. It is to determine the quality of the cow. Animals vary very much in their power to secrete milk, and also vary as to the proportion of butter fat contained in the milk product. Two cows fed upon precisely the same food and in equal quantities may vary largely in the butter product. Again, two cows so fed may give precisely the same product, while if the food be increased, the milk or butter product of one may be also increased and in the other remain unchanged, for the reason that she has reached the limit of her production, while the other has not. In that case—where the limit is reached—the use of any extra or additional food is simply an unnecessary waste. As more and more light is thrown upon farming operations through the medium of experiments, the farmer can discover the importance of the exercise of good judgment. Food that is giving no returns is simply wasted when fed to an animal.

A Blanket on Your Farm.

No tillable land is ready to go through the rigors of a winter until its covering is clean, free from patches, and clear of vermin. We cannot say too much on this subject, because it is of vital importance. Rubbish of all kinds is but a harbor of vermin. Chinch bugs, white grubs, wire worms, all have their several habits, but they have one in common—they harbor under rubbish. Now, if you want the delectable satisfaction of sleeping sound the coming winter, free from all fear of insects, mildew or fungus next season spend every moment possible in clearing up the farm before winter comes. Make the inclement elements next winter kill your bugs, or the life giving elements of spring and summer will repeople your land and ruin your crops next season. Use the elements as your destructive police.—Exchange.

Miscellaneous Recipes.

BALLOON MUFFINS—Take one pint of flour, half a pint of water and half a pint of milk; beat thoroughly with an egg-beater; have gem irons hot, grease and fill them two-thirds full. Bake in a quick oven twenty minutes, or until light and browned. Use no salt or baking powder.

CRAB APPLE JELLY—Cut the apples to pieces, but do not pare or remove the seeds. Put into a stone jar, set the jar into a kettle of hot water and let it boil half a day or more, then turn into a muslin bag. Hang it so it will drip; do not squeeze it. Allow one pound of sugar for one of juice.

PICKLED ONIONS—Select small silver-skinned onions, remove with a knife all the outer skins. Put them for three days into brine that will float an egg. Bring some vinegar to the boiling point, add a little mace, whole red pepper, a few bits of cinnamon bark and a few cloves, then pour it hot over the onions which have been well drained from the brine.

PEACH FLUMMERY—Line the bottom of a glass or porcelain dish with slices of stale cake not more than an inch and a half thick. Make a boiled custard out of a pint of milk and the yolks of four eggs, and just before serving pour it over the cake. On this spread a thick layer of peeled, sliced and sugared peaches, and over that a meringue made of the whites of four eggs beaten stiff with four tablespoonfuls of sugar.

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